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## **Mono County Fishing Opener Postponed**

**MONO COUNTY, Calif.** – California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Director Charlton Bonham has issued an emergency order to temporarily postpone the Mono County Fishing Opener until May 31, in an effort to protect public health from the immediate threat posed by COVID-19. The annual event that Eastern Sierra locals refer to as “Fishmas” – a celebration of opening day of the fishing season – was originally scheduled for April 25. Earlier this month, the Mono County Board of Supervisors, along with the Town of Mammoth Lakes, the Mono County Sheriff, and the Mono County Public Health Officer sent a [joint letter](#) to CDFW Director Charlton Bonham, requesting postponement of the opening of trout fishing season in Mono, Inyo and Alpine Counties.

"I want to thank Governor Newsom, members of the California Fish and Game Commission, and CDFW Director Bonham for honoring Mono County's request to postpone the opening of fishing season in Mono County as we continue to address the COVID-19 pandemic," said Stacy Corless, Chair of the Mono County Board of Supervisors. "Decisions like these are never easy, and we appreciate the state's support in addressing issues unique and specific to the Eastern Sierra. We look forward to welcoming anglers to Mono County when it is safe to do so."

According to the Department of Fish and Game: "It shall be the responsibility of the angler to call the telephone number provided below or to check the department's website at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations) to obtain the current status of any water and restriction on the taking of a fish species. The number to call for information is (916) 445-7600."

For more information, please go to [wildlife.ca.gov](http://wildlife.ca.gov). Full details from the Department of Fish and Game here: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/regulations>. Read the full press release [here](#).

Visit [MonoCounty.org](http://MonoCounty.org) to learn more about fishing in Mono County, top fishing locations, fish species, regulations, lodging and much more.

**Special Travel Notice from Mono County:** *Due to the threat of COVID-19, Mono County Tourism is currently asking visitors to postpone travel plans and come when travel is safe and viable.*

***About Mono County:***

***Located approximately 315 miles north of Los Angeles, and 280 miles east of San Francisco, Mono County borders the east entrance to Yosemite National Park. For more information or to request guides, visit [MonoCounty.org](http://MonoCounty.org) or call 800-845-7922.***

**Mono County COVID Communications Channels:**

English: [MonoHealth.com/Coronavirus](http://MonoHealth.com/Coronavirus)

Spanish: [MonoHealth.com/Coronavirus-es](http://MonoHealth.com/Coronavirus-es)

Phone: 211

Facebook: [facebook.com/monohealthdepartment](https://facebook.com/monohealthdepartment)

Instagram: [instagram.com/monocountyhealthdepartment/](https://instagram.com/monocountyhealthdepartment/)

Twitter: [twitter.com/CountyMono](https://twitter.com/CountyMono)

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**General Fishing Images:**

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/76jbyq7g32kghh0/AAA4ivlfK\\_hj3olxEj32AKWda?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/76jbyq7g32kghh0/AAA4ivlfK_hj3olxEj32AKWda?dl=0)